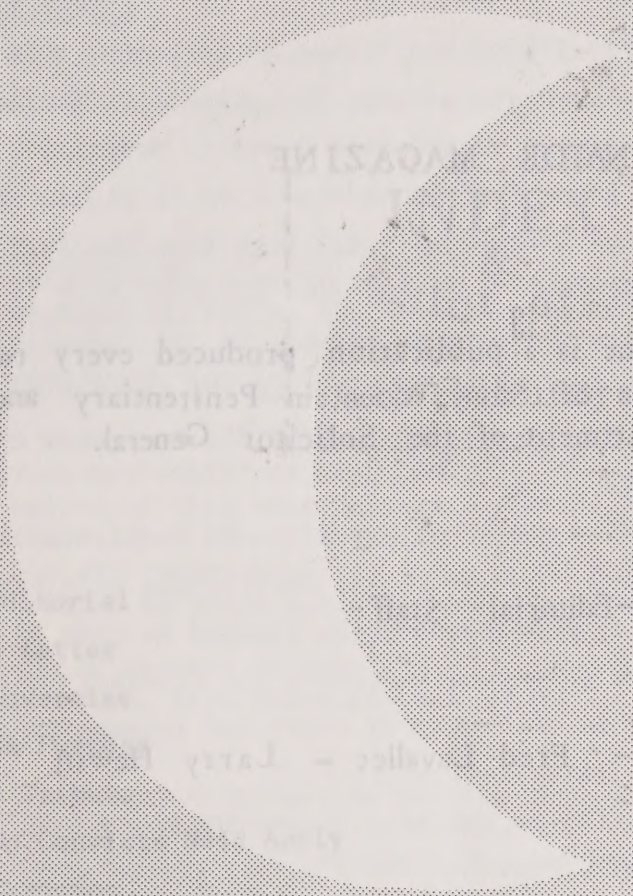




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Again, TERMINATOR Magazine wishes each and every one of you the very best in this new year of 1975. Thankyou for a successful year in 1974 and we are looking forward to reaching new heights this year. Thankyou for your support!

- editor -

EDITORIAL

From the Editor's chair, things don't look so very good this issue. I regret the loss of our Associate editor; Phil Cloutier. I also miss our past Illustration and Layout man; Gerald Clement. However, I am happy to say that both of these fellows have gone on to bigger and better things. They are almost released and I wish them the very best for the future as I know so many others do too! GOOD LUCK!

This issue is rather strange. It may be my last and, strangely, it may be one of the best! We are growing; thanks to the support of the people that continue to subscribe to the TERMINATOR. We intend to grow even more in the coming year.

The TERMINATOR is looking for advertisements. We require more funds so that we can add color and, perhaps, photographs on a regular basis. Up to now, we have been extremely limited in what we could achieve. However, being the best penal magazine for literary content for the year 1974, we want to maintain our level and attempt to get the No. 1 spot for graphic illustrations as well.

This issue, the TERMINATOR is filled with new ideas and new concepts. There have been many things happening in our little world and the TERMINATOR is not too far behind with the reports; despite the fact that we have no more staff members...almost!(I'm happy to say that Fredrick Lavallee is still doing Cartoons for us!)

Rather than take overly long in writing this editorial, I'll keep it short. After all...you'll be hearing from me an great deal throughout this issue.

Keep reading the TERMINATOR and, if you can, throw in an advertisement every now and then. Bye!

A LETTER

COMMENT:

The following letter is a copy of a letter that was sent to the TERMINATOR editorial staff at the end of 1974.

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On the occasion of this, your sixth and final issue for this year (1974), I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations and commendation to all the editorial staff and contributors of the TERMINATOR for a magazine that has managed to maintain a consistently high standard.

I know that the effort extended by yourself and Mr. Thorgrimson from our staff has been primarily responsible for the continuation of this enterprise and for its notable success. The publication demonstrates encouraging characteristics of maturity and responsibility, the lack of which are too often notable in other publications outside of institutions such as ours. A mark of this is that, while the institutional administration retains the right to edit material for publication, this authority has virtually been unused during the past year.

I am looking forward to another year of promising developments in the TERMINATOR and wish you, your editorial staff and all your contributors continued success in this endeavour during the coming year.

- signed by G.L. Wagner for
R.M. Zubrycki
Asst. Director (Soc)

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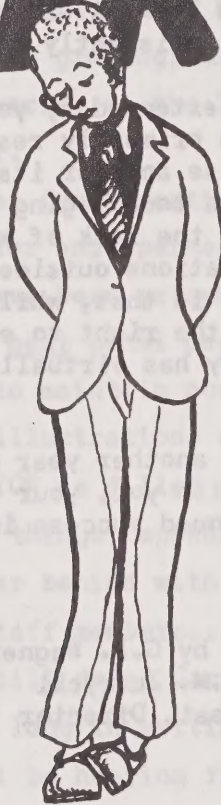
The above re-copied letter was sent to the Editor of this magazine on November 25th. Unfortunately, we were unable to print the letter at that time because of circumstances that caused us to put out our magazine at an earlier time than we normally would.

This letter was a booster for the staff of the magazine and we expect that it will be for those who follow this staff.

For those who are interested, TERMINATOR was rated #1 for content, 1975, of all prison publications in Canada!

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ON PURPOSE

- by Mike Franks-

As the experience of movement gives rise to the idea that the purpose of life is to live, so the experience of non-movement gives rise to the idea that the purpose of life is to die. What a "thing" does gives rise to ideas about its purpose. If the purpose and the function of the eye is to see, of the ear to hear, and so on, then the idea that the purpose of life is to die is patently absurd, for what life does is move between waking and sleeping, between contact and withdrawal, between excitement and quietness. As far as man can perceive, where there is no movement there is no life. Man's perpetual process itself is an activity, a mental groping and grasping, an imaginary movement towards contact. Obviously, for man, life moves. If purpose and function are one, then, observing that movement is the function of life is equivalent to observing that the purpose of life is to live. The purpose of life is to live and to live is to move.

It follows that that which promotes movement is pro-life. Basically what promotes movement is hunger. Hunger is essentially a need for some form of activity. In a process that is akin to imprinting, the hunger one is born with is shaped by the environment. The newborn infant's chemical hunger is quickly shaped by the nursing activity. Soon the infant has a hunger for the nursing activity; he needs what he has become accustomed to. When the nursing activity is absent, he feels uneasy and, as the tension builds up, irritated. Although the irritation is general, the relief is specifically the nursing activity. As the infant matures, his hunger is subjected to further shaping and the shaping process itself is irritating. The end result, however, is always the same: the individual hungers for the activity he has become accustomed to. The individual's hunger stimulates him to move between patterns of waking and sleeping, contact and withdrawal, excitement and quietness to which he has become accustomed.

It also follows that that which stifles movement is anti-life. Basically, what stifles movement is fear. Fear is apparent in the apathetic person who does not move between quietness and excitement but rather, is inflexibly quiet; fear prevents him from moving towards the excitement he secretly desires. One form of apathy is perfectionism where the Oedipal edict "Thou shalt not touch thy mother" has become "I have no desire to touch anyone; therefore, I am perfect." Fear is also apparent in the agitated person who never slows down except to sleep; fear has him using speed to avoid quietness. One form of agitation is idealization where the Oedipal edict "Thou shalt not touch your mother" has become "I can spiritually touch anyone who is open to me." In both the apathetic person and the agitated person, movement between contact and withdrawal, between excitement

(On Purpose cont'd)

and quietness, and, in a sense, between waking and sleeping is stifled by fear. The long term consequence of nonmovement is atrophy. Not only does the reciprocating movement grow smaller and smaller, but also hunger eventually dies out and the organism loses its desire to move. What is needed is flexibility enough to flow with the reciprocating movement of life, for such movement is nourishing to life.

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TRUTH

THE VILEST OF DEEDS.....

LIKE PRISON WEEDS....

BLOOM WELL IN PRISON AIR.

IT IS ONLY WHAT

IS GOOD IN MAN

THAT WASTES AND WITHERS THERE.

A Tribute to John McTavish ; Deceased

Stony Mountain Penitentiary grieves the loss of one of its' more prominent officers this issue. Mr. John W. Mc Tavish passed away in the early hours of January 14, 1975. There is, as yet, no official report on the cause of death but it terminated an eleven (11) day leave of absence due to sickness.

Mr. Mc Tavish, one of the officers who worked on New Years eve, reported himself sick on January 3rd. He had inhaled a great deal of smoke on January 1st. During his absence, he was overtaken with pneumonia. He passed away on January 14 as a result of what was, (unofficially) a stroke or cardiac arrest.

Services were held for Mr. Mc Tavish in Winnipeg on Friday, Jan. 17th. The actual burial was held in Mooseman, Saskatchewan, his home town, on Sat., Jan 18th.

Mr. Mc Tavish was born on April 6th, 1923 in Mooseman, Saskatchewan. During Worl War II, he served overseas with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, Div. # 101.

After leaving the service, he worked for Canadian National Rail- to work in Stony Moun- Another few months and tain on July 25th, 1955. he would have been a twenty (20) year veteran.

Mr. Mc Tavish was one of the officers chosen for duty as a living unit officer under the newly implemented penal system within the institution. His family said that he was excited about his new position and that he was eager to begin work.

The Director of the institution said that he was extremely sorry that Mr. Mc Tavish passed away and that it would be a loss to the entire penal system as well as the institution.

Mr. Mc Tavish found many mourners among the inmates of the prison as well. He was a respected and well liked officer. In fact, he is the only officer known to have ever recieved a Mother's Day card from the inmates of the prison.

Mr. Mc Tavish is survived by his wife, a son, and a teenage daughter. May he rest in peace and claim a reward he well deserves.



NO CONVICTS NEED APPLY

-by Robert Brady-

In prison they taught me to tailor, sew, and cook. I left prison to take my rightful place in society as a useful, working member of that society. I was thinking square. I honestly thought that I could enter society and resume my place. I left prison and applied for a position cooking in one of Winnipeg's more prominent hotels.

I was on the job for six and a half weeks when the personnel manager called me to his office. He gave me some papers and asked me to fill them out. The papers were for bondage. I told him that I would take them home and do them on my own time. I knew that I could not be bonded and that, should I fill out the forms, I would lose my position.

My boss was impressed with my work and, two weeks later, gave me a ten cent raise. I was ecstatic. I felt that I was finally going someplace and that honesty was the answer after all.

However, my feelings of goodwill were short lived. The personnel manager, anxious for the bonding papers, called me to his office. Feeling a little sick, yet knowing that I could no longer evade the issue, I went to his office and told him that I was unable to get bondage due to my recent incarceration in Stony Mountain Penitentiary. Explaining that it was against the policies of this particular hotel to hire ex-inmates, I was discharged on the spot without being given so much as an opportunity to speak on my own behalf!

I made application to another restaurant and was employed. I was not asked about a criminal record, nor did I volunteer any information. Again, I was given a raise in pay and my future looked bright and certain. Then, I was placed in another bind.

My boss decided that he had big things in store for me. He instructed me to obtain a liquor liscence so that he could promote me to a better position. I agreed and made application to the Liquor Control Commission for a liscence to serve liquor. Needless to say, I was turned down by the review board because of my past penal record. I was, again, jobless.

Upon phoning the attorney general's office, I was informed that the board was entirely in its rights and that I had no recourse of appeal.

(No Convicts cont'd)

My reason for stating all this is quite simple. I am not crying because I am back in prison. Nor am I attempting to justify my actions later by placing the blame where it does not belong. However, I am trying to point out an injustice in our system that cause hardships for so many where there should be none.

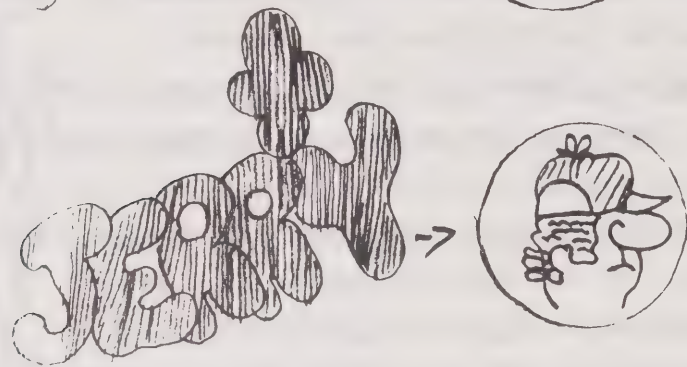
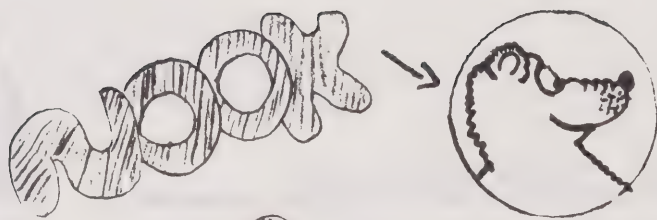
Most men and women being released from prisons are automatically forced to the lowest rungs of the employment ladder. They are being pressured into society in the first place. Upon their release they know not what to expect. They have, for the most part, no homes or families from which they can gain support until they have stabilized. Nor do they have the full benefit of some of the agencies that are designed to stave off these problems. The attitudes of the majority of the employers in society today make it almost necessary for an ex-inmate to return to crime. At the very least, they are largely responsible for the frustration and bitterness of so many that makes them do things that they otherwise would not do.

It was stated this way by a fifteen year veteran of the National Parole Service once; " It's ironic, you know. It's to society's benefit to hire the ex-con. However, the employer's reaction is " If I hire him, how much is he going to steal?", when it should be, "If I hire him, he won't have to steal!"

A former inmate is restricted by even the government of the country. Ex-cons are generally barred from taking civil service examinations. Did you know that ex-inmates are not even allowed to legally change their names! They can not sit on juries, and, in some cases, they are even restricted from entry into some of this country's recreational spots!

My attitude has not changed from my day of release. However, I am more aware of the attitudes of society. I know that they are not going to give me an even break. I know that I can expect no help from the morality minded pillars of the community.

I think it's food for thought. How about you?



OUR LITTLE STORY STARTS WHEN OUR FRIEND THE BEAR (NOOK), HAS MADE HIMSELF TO MUCH OF A PEST AROUND OUR VACATIONING FRIEND (TERRY), WHO HAS HAD QUITE ENOUGH OF NOOKS ANTICS AND PRANKS AND NOW HAS MADE UP HIS MIND TO PUT A (STOP) TO THEM ONCE AND FOR ALL SO OUR STORY BEGINS.





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MANPOWER

Mr. Gordon Keith of Canada Manpower is informing us that he will see anyone wanting information regarding schooling, training, and employment; whether locally or in any other part of Canada.

To see Mr. Keith you must be sure that you fill out the proper request forms so that you will receive a pass. His office is not operating on the open door system.

Mr. Keith will be working at the farm annex on Every Monday so don't put in to see him on that day; unless you are out in the annex of course! He is, however, in the main institution the remainder of the week. If you haven't heard from Mr. Keith in a few days after filling out a request, have your work shop supervisor place a call to Mr. Keith and see when he will be able to interview you.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Take advantage of this offer, fellows, it could well mean the difference between your staying out of places like this or coming back to serve a life sentence on the installment plan!

TIME to re-subscribe if your TERMINATOR subscription has run out!

DON'T FORGET! Lots of goodies in store for 1975 !

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1 BEST WISHES

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1974, is now History, and soon it will be found in the Library Books in many Libraries of the World.

With it has gone alot of the hurt, fears, ideas, advancement and time. Now as we press on into 1975~we must look at alot of things in a different way.

All the problems that were here in 74. are still here in 75.

But, 75. should be a year where we try to resolve some of those problems that we are able to... to make this year a better one.

75. should be a year for all of us to "COME ALIVE" to the problems of our fellow man. It would be good for an instance if we took and looked at all of our foolish spendings and try to not do that this year. But, use that same money to help those that are less fortunate than us, and also those that never even had an opportunity to see any of the nicities of life.

The Inmates here at Stony Mountain, showed a Prime example of this in 74. No, they didn't feed all of the World's Poor...

But, they did alot of good for those that could do very little for themselves.

At Christmas, we contributed to the Children's Section at the St. Boniface Hospital, these same children that had no one bring them their candy treats were remebered as in other years by the Inmates in this Institution.

Then, there was the commencing of finacial support for two (2) Foster children and this continues now.

Also, there was the Concert to raise Funds for the Crippled

Children along with the Deaf mutes too. And, a large amount of money was raised for this...

Does this not show us all that Inmates do have the Heart, concern, and love for other's? I agree that they do!

If, we the Inmates, the ones that are incarcerated can do this very little bit to those that are less fortunate, can you imagine what all of the Free Society could do with a little effort?

We, here are incapacitated in so many ways or we could do so much more to help others the way that we do desire.

The Free People of Society could do just so much more from where they are if they would but get the insight to do so.

It is a very deep desire within me, and I think I speak on behalf of the vast majority here that anyone that reads this may become stirred to the point that they will extend their helping efforts to others in /75. And for someone, somewhere, you will make it a good year for them.

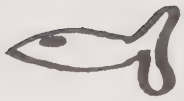
Let's all make /75 a year where we will put away our own needs and selfish desires to help others, so that we all may know the true meaning of happiness.

I wish to extend to each and every one everywhere a very happy New Year and the best of everything that Life may have for you and yours.....



DAISEY HILL PUPPY FARM!





Everyday I'm asked what we've got for entertainment within the institution. In the past I've been unable to answer the question. Now, (tada!), I can say something about it!



In Stony Mountain, I am happy to announce, we have almost as much entertainment as MINSKY'S! We have three prison bands that are either good now, or are nearly so. (I've been in prison too long to state that with certainty!) These bands play Rock, Folk, Blues, Country, and anything else they can learn. They are always looking for new material to play. (Usually they can't find any!) There is a move right now to expand practice time so that the bands can expand. Something on that next issue, perhaps...



Bubbling
Insanity



Recently, the Inmate Representative Committee; with a lot of help from the Entertainment Committee, (Good grief...do we have committees or do we have committees), staged a BINGO in the gym. The prizes were mainly in the form of foodstuffs and candies. All that participated had a good time. There were almost forty winners that day...

Some new blood in the institution. A lot of people are beginning to question a lot of other people. Remember the thing about solidarity in past issues? Well, the question has been raised again. What is solid? The next time you hear someone ask that question, ask them if they rip up their canteen slips when they receive them. You see, a really solid person, should suck an animal exist in this day and age, would refuse to accept anything from the "MAN!"... and where do our canteen slips come from? However, apart from that, it is my contention that a "solid" person is anyone who does his own time, regardless of how, and does not hurt anyone else while he does it! If you want to talk to the guards, it's okay. Just don't talk to them for the express purpose of putting "heat" on someone else. Bee KOOL and everyone is happy!

Daisey Hill signing off once again. This is the only spot in the TERMINATOR where humour is not intended. Rather, we attempt to make everyone have a look at things from a slightly "slanted" angle. CHEERS!



-Ed!
He got me

OMBUDSMAN ?

In the Winnipeg Free Press recently, there was an article entitled PRISON HOLE CALLED CRUEL. The article was written by Andre Ouimet; a Free Press correspondent. This particular article concerned a report presented by Inger Hansen, Canada's correctional investigator.

In this report, it was stated that the "hole", in prison vernacular meaning the area of disassociation as a punitive measure, was cruel and inhumane in many cases. She describes solitary confinement as being "a cement garage" divided in half by a wall "which contains a heavy metal door."

Ms. Hansen, in her report, urges that something be done as soon as possible to rectify the situation in most penal solitary confinement blocks.

Furthur, in her report, Ms. Hansen states that there are 55 complaints that are serious but that she can not do anything about these complaints because she is not mandated to change existing directives and policies.

Some of the other changes that Ms. Hansen recommends in her report are:

- (a) several changes in the computation of sentences
- (b) appointment of prison judges, whose sole duty would be to preside over disciplinary hearings of inmates
- (c) clarification or elimination of the right to forfeit an inmates' possessions in jail
- (d) appointment of an officer in charge of prisoners' claims for injuries or loss of property suffered while in jail
- (e) permission for inmates to invest their funds in interest-producing securities.

Ms. Hansen feels that prison administrators of the various institutions that she dealt with would listen, at least, to what she had to say. She felt that her appearance had a "catalytic" effect on many of them.

So, in the first year of the Federal Ombudsman, we have made progress. It is inevitable that this position will become a force in the penitentiary service that will prove invaluable to most inmates at one time or another. However, we must remember that in order to call in the Federal Investigator, we must exhaust all other channels of rectification open to us.

Long live Inger Hansen! Long live the Federal Ombudsman!

- Daryle Johnston -

APATHY ON THE MOUNT

No one likes to be in prison...or at least, few. However, if you had to be in prison, what type of prison would you want to be in?

Stony Mountain, is the type of prison I would not want to be in. I will tell you why, But first, I will tell you why I write this particular article.

There are things happening within this institution that are harmful to the general population. They are hurting us. The worst part about it is that we are doing it ourselves! Hopefully, a few people will sit up and take notice after reading this. Just maybe, someone will change their actions as a result of this.

The peculiarities of this institution didn't really enter my mind until some people transferred here from other institutions and commented on the strangeness of it all. Then, I began to see what they were driving at!

For example, take a look at the sports in here. Despite all attempts by the Physical Education and Recreation Department to improve the quality of the sports and instill some sort of interest, the sports programs are growing worse each season.

In this past hockey season, that is, the one in progress now, the Commissioner of Hockey was hard put to separate the few players into two different leagues. This was not because the players were of approximate equal calibre; it was simply that he could not find enough people who wanted to play the game.

In the Basketball league that briefly ran, there were only four teams playing. Almost a full third of the games were lost by forfeiture because the players did not report for the game! The league was cut short after the interest died.

Another unbelievable problem is in finding people willing to officiate at the games; regardless of the sport. The reason for this is simple enough; the officials are tired of being screamed at, threatened, and hit! We all know that whatever game you play there will be people that seem to have nothing better to do than hassle the officials...but this place is ridiculous! It seems that everyone and their dog wants a piece of the action in picking on

the game officials of the evening!

The educational activities such as the clubs and groups are definitely failing because of a total lack of desire on the parts of the prison population. They are all short of members. Sometimes it seems that even the members they have are there simply to throw a wrench into the system! People don't want to carry out assignments. Nor do they want to fulfill their obligations. Instead, they would much rather sit back and watch the same people assume all the responsibility and just parasitically "sponge" off them.

Then, there is the constant apathy towards everything that is considered "rehabilitative!" People don't want to communicate anymore. Most of the inmates here would rather stay in their cells than have a total involvement with the population of the prison over any extended period of time; including myself. The reason for this is that most of the inmates just don't give a thought for each other. The majority seem to be in their own little worlds without regard for the rights and privileges of others. They could care less that if they do something in particular the entire population will suffer for it. They simply say that people have to watch out for themselves and if someone else is hurt by their actions that's just too bad! Some people have gone so far as to suggest that I may be in the "wrong" if I suggest to them that they are foolish by doing things that upset the status quo.

It is my belief that people should do what they must do but that they have no right to cause harm to someone else because of their actions. We should not be apathetic in regards to our own programs. We should support them and insure their success. We should be fighting for the betterment of everyone rather than tearing down the structure that was so painstakingly built by inmates in the past. REMEMBER, you may come back. You may have to pay for the damage you are creating today.

SOLIDARITY is doing your own time, but without destroying the time of someone else. Be a little considerate. Think of one another!

Incidentally, we are not the only prison with this problem. It is just a little more obvious here. All the Federal prisons across Canada seem to be having just as much trouble as we are!

Recreation Corner

We welcome this opportunity to pass on information regarding both Physical Education and the Recreational Programs.

The January session of the voluntary Personal Fitness Program is well under way.

This personal fitness program is designed to present both the theory (why) and the practice (how) of physical fitness. The course offers a basic background for individuals who are interested in a personal exercise and development program.

The format for this personal fitness program is eight one hour sessions.

Although the response to the voluntary fitness program has been good, some inmates who had previously signed up for the course have since been discharged or moved to the farm annex. We, therefore, find it necessary to advertise a week prior to the commencement of each new course for candidates.

QUESTION BOX

"Don't get into a rut"

QUESTION: I HAVE embarked on fitness programs many times but after a few weeks of exercise I get bored and quit. Is there any way to maintain interest for periods of time when exercising?

ANSWER: This is a fairly common problem. Perhaps introducing a little variety can help sustain interest.

You can start by going through your program at a fairly brisk pace without wasting time wandering around the room between exercises - it will help you finish faster and it will decrease boredom. You should try to work out with a friend; especially if you are jogging.

Many people become discouraged when the program is too strenuous, so start easily and gradually increase intensity.

Changing the locale can also help prevent boredom as well as switching the order in which you do your exercises.

BUT, the most important aspect of motivation is to have a specific long-range goal to work towards rather than abstract goals such as "I want to get in shape." You might, for example, aim at losing 15 lb in six months - or about 2½ lbs per month.

(Recreation cont'd)

WEIGHT TRAINING - CORNER

Where oh where, are the collars? How often do we hear this cry! Many collars have been manufactured to accomodate twice as many bars that are available, but they keep disappearing!

If the collars were returned and left on the weight training stand, everyone would have collars when they wanted them. How about it!!!

RECREATION

The Hockey and curling seasons are well under way thanks to the excellent weather we were having!

The All-star basketball team still have a chance at the playoffs providing they win four of the remaining seven games to be played. Let's support the Stony Mountain All Star Basketball team.

INSTRUCTION

Anyone wishing curling instruction should contact 1401 Clement or 2313 Klyne. Those interested in Badminton and wishing to have some instruction are requested to contact the Physical Education and Recreation Department Office.

WHAT CAN PHYSICAL RECREATION DO FOR YOU ?

- Provide an opportunity for enjoyment.
- Develops physical fitness.
- Provides an opportunity for expression and creativity.
- Introduction to activities which may be used for carry-over value during later life.
- Contributes to constructive use of leisure time.
- Develops habits of health and safety.
- Provides for leadership training.
- Provides an opportunity for personality and character development.
- Recreation activities contribute to the democratic process.
- Recreation Education provides for mental development.

- edit -

-----bleep--Living Units--bleep-----

Phase I of the Living Unit Concept in penal rehabilitation was effected in Stony Mountain on January 13, 1975. The object of this article is to view the differences; if any, between this new system and the old system and, perhaps, to clarify some of what is exactly happening under this new system.

First, all the inmates notice that they see only one or two custodial staff in the central dome. That is, only a few are wearing the old blue uniforms. That is a pleasant change. It doesn't have any real psychological effect, however, it does take away a great deal of the existing tensions in the prison.

The inmates will have also noticed that they see, basically, the same staff personnel everyday. There are minor variations, but the same officers are on duty rather than a number of different shifts where the officer that worked the doors one week was in a tower the next week.

The one outstanding factor, besides all the obvious ones, comes on a more subtle level. This factor is the fact that the staff that are working under the "Living Unit System" seem to be honestly trying to bridge the gap between the inmate and the staff that has been existant for decades! There seems to be a sincere shift to allow the inmates as much assistance as possible.

This could, of course, be only a flash of something that will diminish within the space of a short time. However, it does not look that way. Somehow, there is no phoniness about the way the majority of these officers are attempting to get along with the populace!

You may ask how I know this with such certainty. Simply, I went out of my way for the first three days of the system change to create hassels for some of the staff who were thought to be "dogs" by a number of the prison population. I made a general nuisance of myself expecting to find myself on charge or ostricized, at least, by the Living Unit Officers.

Instead, I found that they patiently explained to me that what I was doing was wrong and that I should know better.

Obviously, they knew that I was up to something! They had to! No one can sit in one prison for eighteen (18) months and fail to know

(Living Units cont'd)

the rules and regulations governing outright acts of ignorance and insolence. However, the Living Unit personnel did temper themselves with patience.

Also, in the first week of their staff changes, there were fewer disciplinary offences reported than there usually are. Before, a custodial staff member would simply charge a person who refused to do something. However, during that first week, I saw, with my own eyes, cases where the Living Unit Officers sat down and talked the fellow into doing whatever it was rather than blatantly charge him and causing the inmate to appear before the disciplinary board with the threat of that all important loss of earned remission. (Earned remission being defined as time a man is awarded for good behaviour.)

This does not go to say, however, that the Living Unit Concept of penal reform is a success...YET! There is still a great deal of mistrust on the part of the inmates; as is to be expected after years of hating those men in blue who keep them imprisoned.

There are a lot of bugs in the system. There are four LU 2's (the equivalent of a "keeper" who is in charge) constantly striving for a better way of doing things. These people are backed by an entire socialization department that is working towards the same goal. Whether they succeed or not rests entirely with the inmate population of the prison. If the response is not there, then we will see the failure of the system and a return to the old one. However, if the response, after a reasonable period of time, is good, then we will see the program surge ahead with all systems "GO!"

Personally, I want to see the system work because I am selfish. Any system that is designed to make me ready for release earlier and to insure that I do not return to prison has to be good for me.

You will hear more about the new system periodically throughout the year. All you have to do is continue to read the TERMINATOR Magazine!

POET'S PAGES

SOMETHING

Something tells me that all is well
and i believe this feeling i have
for the world is revolving very fast
and the time is passing slow
but i see the wisdom of fair life
and ahead i am trying to stay
but visions of beauty plague my mind
and freedom is only a word
for all too often life is lost
and crying is an emotion unheard
but we still go on in our feeble way
and we still envision this life
and we shall soon see the way it is
and wonder about its' worth
even though an answer will not come forth
we will be thankful for love
because we want to see its' light
to keep us company in the night.

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Eregoles of time
minute spans of rhyme
particular senses as thine
and love shall never find
words to fill your mind
until life is but a mime
and then you too shall dine
on blood that tastes like wine
until the day you die.

-hakim-

Mouthings of the Prophet

My thought
is a tender leaf
that sways
in every direction
and finds pleasure
in its swayings.

God has given,
to each of us
a spirit with wings,
wings on which to
soar into the spac-
eous firmament of
love and
freedom!

He who has not looked
on sorrow
will never
see
joy.

Now I realize that the trees blossom in
Spring and bear fruit in summer without seeking praise,
and they drop their leaves in autumn and become naked in
winter without fearing blame.

Kahlil Gibran

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